

**Response After Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

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The remarks begin on page 6.